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Public Service Commission of South Carolina
ATTN: Docketing Department
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RE: Docket No. 2009-489-E

A ten percent rate increase at this time of GREAT economic distress in South Carolina is absolutely intolerable. We have the 4th highest unemployment rate in the nation (12.6% as of December 2009, per US Dept of Labor Statistics). My wife and I are retired and on limited income. With SO MANY of us struggling to get through THE WORST RECESSION SINCE THE GREAT DEPRESSION, THIS IS NO TIME FOR SCE&G TO RAISE RATES BEYOND THE ALREADY GRANTED 2.5% PER YEAR.

The 10 percent rate hike will RUIN OUR STATE ECONOMY. Business will have to decide between raising prices (and losing customers) or laying off more people (adding to the already VERY HIGH unemployment rate) and struggling families will face some drastic decisions.

THE PROPOSED RATE HIKE IS FOOLHARDY AND POTENTIALLY DISASTEROUS TO SOUTH CAROLINA. PLEASE PREVENT THIS FROM HAPPENING !!!!!!!

Thank you for your time and help with this VERY important issue.



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ECONOMIC STRUGGLE

MY NAME IS BRIAN HARTUNG, LIVE IN THE RICHLAND COUNTY AREA. AM A VERY CONCERNED TAX PAYER, RENTER (NON-OWNER), OF THE NEW INCREASES, WHICH WOULD RAISE MY RENT.

BELEIVE OR NOT, AT THE RATE MINIMUM WAGE IS, AS WELL AS STATE OF THE ECONOMY.

THIS NATION (USA) "WAS" A GREAT COUNTRY, NO LONGER IS ~~DO~~ TO THE ECONOMIC STRUGGLE FACED WITH US LOW INCOME CITIZEN'S.

THIS PRICE HIKE, IS A VIOLATION OF MY FEDERAL RIGHTS TO PEACE, PROSPERITY, HAPPINESS, RIGHT TO FINANCIALLY SECURITY, (SAFTY).

PLEASE HAVE IN MIND, ALL GRANT MONEY'S GIVEN THE GOVENER OF SOUTH CAROLINA, TOO WHICH HE AND HIS AIDES HAVE PUT INTO A SAVINGS ACCOUNT. ALSO, US LOW INCOME FOLKS HELP OUR ECONOMY BY SPENDING OUR EXTRA SAVED MONEY'S.

THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK

FREEDOM OF CONSTITUTION OF USA.

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Dear Members of the Commission:

Please include this as a letter of protest against the proposed rate increase by SCE&G in the abovereferenced matter.

While SCE&G's rates have steadily risen of late, the ratepayers' ability to afford service has drastically declined. While SCE&G has been guaranteed annual increases, ratepayers have seen their incomes reduced or eliminated. For those who are still employed, additional furloughs, unpaid vacations, and reductions in force are anticipated, on top of those already incurred to produce one of the worst economic situations in state history. Personal bankruptcies are at an all-time high. Though we all hope and pray for quick improvement in the economy, it is inappropriate for SCE&G to request such significant increases at this time. Placing such a burden on strapped and distressed ratepayers, as proposed, will serve only to deepen the state's economic spiral and compound the difficult recovery we all hope will someday come. I am confident that this Commission will be sensitive to the plight of ratepayers in this matter and exercise its judgment in favor of ratepayers at this time.

On behalf of my family, friends, and fellow citizens of this state, I respectfully submit that the public interest in this matter will be best served by denying the proposed rate increase in this matter.

Very truly yours,


Richard P. Wilson